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Minutes of the Meeting

1. In his opening remarks, the Chairman, Mr. John McMahon, said there were two major subjects for SIG(I) review: an assessment of the Community's progress in meeting the requirements of the NITs and consideration of two memoranda from the Under Secretary of Defense recommending add-ons or emendations to the NITs. Every effort will be made to accommodate these requests, either by adding to the NITs or revising them. However, the suggestion of adding a paragraph (23.f.) ("Historic lesson from the Cuban revolution...") is a long term rather than a current substantive requirement. There has been considerable production in response to the NITs. Should the list be expanded without any deletions it could, eventually, become unmanageable. The items presented by the National Security Council provided very solid guidance and have been particularly helpful in regard to collection on friendly, versus hostile, powers. This is right on target. Once the NITs for FY 1985 have been approved by the SIG(I), they will be disseminated to the Community.

2. Mr. Richard Kerr, Chairman of the Intelligence Producers Council (IPC), agreed that most of the points raised by the Under Secretary of Defense could be easily accommodated. The economic burden of Soviet defense expenditures had been a subject of a DCI breakfast meeting and the addition proposed to paragraph 2.c. will be adopted. LTG Williams noted that the expansion of paragraph 6.b.(5) was designed to meet specific DoD needs, and Miss Page remarked that the Critical Intelligence Problems Committee (CIPC) is

presently engaged in a study of Soviet mobile missiles. The amendment will be accepted as written. General Stilwell said that it was apparent that the NITs were receiving more attention from policymakers and he found this very heartening.

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3. With reference to Mr. McMahon's opening comments on DoD's suggestion for addition of a paragraph 23.f. concerning "Historic lesson from the Cuban revolution and Eastern Europe that can be applied to forecast future events in Nicaragua..." it was agreed that the CIA's Directorate of Intelligence would prepare a research paper on this topic.

4. With reference to DoD's request that a new paragraph 32 under the heading "Global Issues"--"Third World Insurgencies" be added, General Williams said that the JCS required information on the likelihood of unrest in specific countries. Mr. McMahon noted that the DDI was doing a study of the effect of economic factors on a country's stability and individual government's ability to cope with such instability. Mr. Montgomery said that more attention should be given to the international arms traffic and financing. One was concerned not only with the clandestine support of arms to insurgents but the "grey arms traffic" as well. It was agreed that DoD's proposed paragraph 32 would be recast by the IPC in close collaboration with DoD and the JCS to provide additional requirements for reporting on specifics on the likelihood of insurgency in given areas (paragraph 32.a.) and the grey arms markets (32.b.).

5. Reviewing the table on "Community Production Quantitative Breakdown by Geographic/Substantive Area," the Chairman pointed out that production on the USSR had risen considerably while that on Western Europe has declined. Mr.

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6. Responding to a query from Mr. McMahon, General Williams replied that adequate attention was being given to the topic of POW/MIAs. (NIT 36)

7. General Stilwell commented that although the NITs are now receiving the attention of policymakers and are becoming an increasing viable collection guide, greater prioritization might be useful. Mr. Montgomery opined that prioritization in categories A and B is useful, that the NITs are now just about the right length and that the SIG(I) members themselves must act as "the throttle" to ensure that the list not become too long and unmanageable. Mr. Montgomery also noted that although the tabular recapitulation of production against the NITs includes the NIDs and the DINs, such significant production

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as the State Department Morning Summaries and Eyes Only Memoranda for the Secretary of State are not included. LTG Williams commented that DIA also produces daily summaries on Terrorism and wondered if these had been included in the tabulation. Mr. Kerr said that economic and terrorist typescripts are included in the tabulation. It was agreed that members make suggestions to Mr. Kerr for the additional of any serial publications not now included in the tabulation. With reference to the Chairman's comments on intelligence production (paragraph 5), Mr. Kerr pointed out there are a considerable number of studies on Soviet Energy and Western Europe scheduled for production in CIA.